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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, in most cases spare buses were diverted without detriment to the interests of the public there."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும்போது டி. வி. எஸ்.-க்கு தனிச் சலுகைகள் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் ஆவடியிலிருந்து புறப்படக்கூடிய பஸ்களையெல்லாம் கண்ட்ரோல் பண்ணும் அதிகாரம் இந்த டி.வி.எஸ்.-க்கு கொடுத்திருந்தார்கள். அப்படிக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது மற்ற பஸ்காரர்களுக்குப் பிடிக்காமல் 22-ம் தேதி (22-2-1955) ஸ்ட்ரைக் செய்தார்கள். இது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? " 9-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" பஸ்கள் எல்லாம் நன்றாக ஓடின. எல்லாப் பிரயாணிகளுக்கும் சௌகரியமாக இருந்தது என்பதுதான் அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியும். அரசாங்கத்தால் எல்லா பஸ்களையும் ஒழுங்காக மக்களுக்குச் சௌகரியம் செய்துகொடுப்பதற்காகத்தான் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டதே தவிர, டி.வி.எஸ்.-க்கு என்று எந்தத் தனிச் சலுகையும் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. எல்லா பஸ்களும் ஒழுங்காக ஓடின என்பதைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளவிரும்புகிறேன்."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" As more than 200 private buses were licensed to run from Madras to Avadi and back in connexion with the Indian National Congress Session at Avadi, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether inconvenience was not caused to the general travelling public in mufassal areas, and if so, what arrangements the Government made to meet that situation? As all these 200 buses could not have been spare buses, we are not going to take the answer of the Hon. Minister lying low that no' inconvenience was generally caused to the public. Will the Hon. Minister explain how the travelling public was not inconvenienced in mufassal areas? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There were, Sir, lakhs and lakhs of people coming to Madras in connexion with the Indian National Congress Session at Avadi. Not a single petition has been received from the people in the mufassal areas saying that the public were inconvenienced on account of diversion of 200 buses from mufassal areas to the City."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" To the best of my knowledge, only spare buses were diverted to Avadi and not route buses. Will the Hon. Minister confirm that the statement that I have made is correct? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir. I do agree with the hon. Member."

Compensation to retrenched textile workers.

* 1515 *Q.*—SRI K. T. RAJU (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any compensation was paid to the workers of the textile mills of Coimbatore district who were retrenched during 1948 as a result of the implementation of the Uthandaraman Standardization Committee's report; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) It is reported that the managements of 25 out of the 31 mills in Coimbatore district have paid compensation due to the retrenched workers. In respect of other cases, the matter is under examination by the Labour Department."

SRI K. T. RAJU :—" லேபர் டிபார்ட்மெண்ட் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கக் கூடிய பிரச்னை எப்பொழுது முடிவுக்கு வரும் என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களைக் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" பிரச்னை முடிந்ததும் விஷயமும் முடிவாகும்."

Ranee's Hospital, Pudukkottai.

* 1516 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any separate minimum and maximum maternity charges are levied for maternity cases in Ranee's Hospital, Pudukkottai, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) the principle on which such minimum and maximum charges are levied?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) In cases where the income of the patient or the head of the patient's family is Rs. 100 per month and above, a fee ranging from Rs. 12–8–0 to Rs. 25 to be fixed by the head of the institution is charged for confinements.

" (*b*) On the basis of income of the patient or the head of the patient's family."

Training centre for agricultural demonstration maistries.

* 1517 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government conducted any training centre at Pattambi, South Malabar, for agricultural demonstration maistries in 1954;

(*b*) if so, how many were given training ; and

(*c*) of the trainees how many were appointed as additional agricultural demonstration maistries and of those appointed, how many were subsequently discharged?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) Sixty-two candidates were trained at the Agricultural Research Station, Pattambi.

" (*c*) Sixty-one candidates were appointed. Out of them 35 persons were subsequently ousted as a result of the reorganization of the field set up of the Agricultural department which came into force on 1st December 1954. Out of these 35 persons, 15 persons have since been reappointed and the remaining persons have been allotted to other districts for appointment."